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Establishment of National Water Informatics Centre
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish a National Water Informatics Centre in the country for undertaking works relating to water availability and its utilisation;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the efforts made by the Government in this direction so far and the time by which the centre is likely to be established; and
(d) the progress made in this regard so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) is envisaged as an organization for maintaining, updation, collation and dissemination of hydro- meteorological data and information.

(c) & (d) NWIC is envisaged as an independent organization under the overall supervision of Secretary (Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation) under National Hydrology Project (NHP). The Union Cabinet has approved the National Hydrology Project (NHP) as a Central Sector Scheme on 06.04.2016 which, inter-alia, includes setting up of NWIC at a cost of Rs. 39.7674 crores. To head the Center, a post of the level of Joint Secretary to Government of India has also been approved by the Cabinet.

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